IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of   :

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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MEDIA
EDITING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
    Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

    Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

    Kindly amend claim 20 as follows.

20.   (Amended) The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein
said region extraction part extracts a face region including the user's face, and
said editing part refers to a face characteristic calculated based on the face region
extracted by said region extraction part, and from a character database storing a plurality of
character images and the face characteristic each corresponding thereto, selecting one or more of
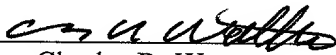said character images.

REMARKS

This amendment is presented to correct a typographical error in claim 20.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**."

Respectfully submitted,

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wherein said editing part selects the first image in the image sequence selected by said frame selection part as an initial display image.

18. The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein said editing part calculates a partial region corresponding to said image sequence based on a position and size of the region extracted by said region extraction part, and

5 performs editing by using said partial region.

19. The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein said editing part arranges a text included in said media onto an arrangement region which is so set as not to overlap at all the region extracted by said region extraction part, or to

5 overlap as little as possible if overlaps.

20. The media editing device according to claim 2̶0̶ /5,
wherein

said region extraction part extracts a face region including the user's face, and

5 said editing part refers to a face characteristic calculated based on the face region extracted by said region extraction part, and from a character database storing a plurality of character images and the face characteristic each corresponding thereto, selecting one or more of said character

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10   images.

21.   A computer-readable recording medium on which a

program is recorded to be carried out by a device for editing media

including an image sequence comprised of a plurality of images

showing a user partially or entirely as a subject, said program

5   comprising the steps of:

extracting a region from said images including the user

partially or entirely;

determining whether or not the user included in the

region extracted in said extracting step is facing a predesignated

10   direction;

selecting a part of the image sequence between time

points determined as the user facing the predesignated direction

in said determining step by scanning said image sequence from a

start point to an end point, and from the end point to the start

15   point; and

editing the media including the image sequence selected

in said selecting step.